(b) No, Sir. Mock-drills are being carried out regularly.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) At present all victims of Railway accident and other untoward incidences are shifted to nearest Railway Hospital, other Government Hospital and Private Hospitals. All the expenditure done in these hospitals are borne by Railway administration. To facilitate this, one data Bank of all hospitals close to main Railway tracks has been prepared and made available at various level. By this method we are able to provide medical treatment to Railway accident victims at the earliest.

Delhi-Paihankot-Dhauladhar Express

3171. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to run the Delhi-Pathankot-Dhauladhar Express daily instead of three days a week, as this is the only train between the two stations, starting from the terminating at Pathankot, thereby facilitating reservations for the passengers from areas of Punjab and Himachal Pradesh near Pathankot;

(b) if so, by when that is likely to be done; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (c) Daily running of 4035/4036 Delhi-Pathankot Dhauladhar Express is not feasible at present due to operational and resource constraints.

Intercity Train in Bihar

†3172. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in Bihar from Western Kosi Divisional Headquarters Saharsa to Patna only one Intercity train per-day is available which is not sufficient for the Kosi Division;

(b) whether it is also a fact that time-table of the Intercity service between Saharsa and Patna is not also proper according to which the Intercity after starting at 12 a.m. from Saharsa reaches Patna normally

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

about 22.00 p.m. while it should reach Patna by 19.00 p.m. and due to this the passengers are facing hardships; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to change the time-table of the existing Intercity and also to run one more additional train from Saharsa to Patna and Patna to Saharsa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) At present, only one Intercity service namely 3225A/3226A Saharsa-Danapur Link Express is available between Saharsa and Patna.

(b) The scheduled arrival of 3225A Saharsa-Danapur Link Express train is 19.30 hrs. However, at times, the train gets detained duo to Alarm Chain Pulling and other operational problems.

(c) 5281/5282 Saharsa-Patna Koshi Express (daily) has been introduced w.e.f. 20-08-06. However, at present, it is not feasible to change the timings of 3225A/3226A Saharsa-Danapur Link Express.

Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail Line

3173. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the status of the work of construction of new broad gauge rail line between Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla section; and

(b) by when it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) The work has been taken up in phases and the progress is given as under:—

(i) Udhampur-Katra section (Km. 0-25) — 92%

(ii) Katra-Qazigund section (Km. 25-173) —12%

(iii) Qazigund-Srinagar-Baramulla section — 82% (Km. 173-292)

(b) The likely date of completion of various sections is as under:—

(i) Udhampur-Katra section — 2006-07.

(ii) Katra-Qazigund — 2008-09.

(iii) Qazigund-Srinagar-Baramulla section

(a) Kakapore-Srinagar-Rajwansher — 2006-07.